

Washington State Gambling Commission

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Learning Objectives

What is gambling?

Prize + Consideration + Chance

- Requirements to operate gambling activities
- Types of gambling activities - unlicensed vs. licensed activities
- Licensing application process

Types of Gambling Activities

Unlicensed

- Bingo
- Raffles
- Amusement Games
- Social Cards/Dice (members only)



Licensed

- Bingo
- Raffles
- Amusement Games
- Fund Raising Events (Reno Nights)
- Card Tournaments
- Social Cards
- Punchboard/Pull Tabs

RCW 9.46.0209 Nonprofit Qualifications

Must be organized and operating for
one or more of the following purposes
only:

Agricultural

Athletic

Benevolent

Charitable

Civic

Educational

Eleemosynary

Fraternal

Patriotic

Political

Social

Qualification to be a Charitable Nonprofit Organization

- Organized and continuously operating for 12 calendar months
- Must be able to prove significant progress toward accomplishing your stated purpose

Use of Proceeds

It is the responsibility of the officers and board of trustees to ensure that:

- Gambling activities are closely supervised and follow all rules;
- Gambling proceeds are used exclusively for the organization's stated purpose.
- All assets are protected from theft and misuse.

Operation of Gambling Activities



RCW 9.46.0315 Unlicensed Members-Only Raffles

- Unlimited number of raffles during calendar year not to exceed \$5,000
- Prizes awarded only to members
- Liquor may be awarded with Liquor Control Board permit.

RCW 9.46.0321 Unlicensed Public Raffles, Bingo & Amusement Games

- In addition to members-only raffles, may offer two unlicensed events to the public
- Combined gross revenues from these two events cannot exceed \$5,000 in the calendar year
- Liquor cannot be awarded as prize

Bingo Restrictions

- No one under 18 years old may play without parent or legal guardian present
- All costs to play and prizes awarded must be disclosed
- House rules must be posted
- Any contingencies must be disclosed (i.e., changes in prize amounts due to lower attendance)

Raffle Restrictions

- Maximum price per ticket - \$100
- No free tickets
- Tickets must be consecutively numbered
- Prizes owned prior to drawing
- Rules of raffle must be disclosed to participant
- Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets
- Credit cards may be used to purchase tickets

Requires Raffle License

- Alternative formats
 - Duck Races
 - Poker Runs
- Discounting tickets
 - i.e. \$1 ea/6 for \$5
- Firearms (prize awarded by licensed firearm dealers)

Amusement Game Restrictions

- Contestants actively participate
- Outcome depends on a “material degree of skill”
- Outcome is not controlled by operator
- Wagers placed, winners determined & prizes given in view of all players
- Cake walks and fish ponds are considered “amusement games”

Other Unlicensed Activities Allowed by Statute:

- Sports Pools – RCW 9.46.0335
- Golf Sweepstakes – RCW 9.46.0341
- Social Card, Dice Games – RCW 9.46.0351
- Turkey Shoot – RCW 9.46.0361

Recordkeeping

Monthly records must be maintained of all financial transactions directly or indirectly related to gambling.

- Gross gambling receipts
- Full details on all expenses
- Total cost of all prizes paid



License Application Requirements and Documentation



Bylaws

Articles of Incorporation

Meeting Minutes

IRS Tax Exemption Letter

Premises Lease

Equipment Lease

Activity Training

Notification

WSGC:

Changes to application while in process -
notify us within 10 days.

Local Law Enforcement:

Before beginning any gambling activity, you
must notify, in writing, local law
enforcement .

Local Taxing Authority:

You should also check with the local taxing
authority for any taxes due.

Online Services

Website:

www.wsgc.wa.gov

Now Available:

My Account

Online Applications:

Fundraising Events
(FRE's)

Recreational Gaming
Activities (RGA's)

Card Room Tournaments

Change Application

Raffles

Contact Information:

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Washington State Gambling Commission

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